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abortion and legal protection of unborn. And in case after case after case, the Supreme Court has said, time and again, that outside of the context of abortion the state continues to have a substantial interest in the protection of unborn life, and that interest exists throughout pregnancy. It has been stated by certain organizations that may have contacted your office that this bill is really just a backdoor attempt to construct an attack on Roe v. Wade, and I would suggest that those that attempt to make that argument take time to read the bill because the bill very clearly addresses the question on legal protection of the unborn outside of the context of abortion in a very clear and very specific exemptions and exceptions to the enforcement provisions of the bill for any action, I repeat, any action committed or engaged in by the mother of the unborn child. In other words, if she has a drug problem, alcohol dependency or any other action that she might take that could, in some way, imperil the life of the unborn child, that action is outside of the enforcement provisions of this bill. In addition, any medical procedure, any medical procedure performed with her consent is outside of the context of this bill. Any dispensing of a drug or device in accordance with law, or administering a drug or device, again, outside the context of this bill. So if this bill is really not about abortion, what is it about? What this bill is really all about, I think, is an attempt to address issues and questions regarding whether or not the laws of the state of Nebraska are in harmony with the values of the people of Nebraska. And I believe that currently our laws are not in harmony with the people. A few months ago our Judiciary Committee reported out legislation that provides that certain acts of cruelty to animals can now be considered a felony, and you will be hearing that bill fairly soon. I will perhaps support that bill. I know we are getting a lot of phone calls and e-mails on that bill. We will have a good discussion of that. I might be inclined to support that bill. Two weeks ago I was invited to a meeting hosted by the mayor of the city of Lincoln for a briefing on some of the higher priority projects that the city of Lincoln hopes to undertake in the near term. And one of those projects involves protection of the natural wetlands in certain areas in the city of Lincoln where resides an insect called the tiger beetle. The tiger beetle is not an endangered species although it is a candidate for listing on